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RE: Application Number 10/680,741

Ms. Chin:

I filed application 10/680,741 on October 6, 2003.

Forty-five months later, I received an office communication which stated, in part:

"Claims 3-6 are allowed."

"Any comments *considered necessary by applicant* must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee . . ."

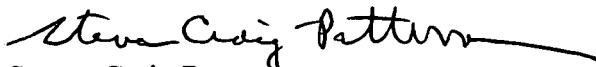
I did not disagree with the disposition of claims stated on form PTOL-326, and therefore did not consider any comments to be necessary.

While patiently awaiting the issuance of Letters Patent fifty-two months after I filed my application, I received a Notice of Abandonment.

Please be advised that it was not my intention to abandon this application. If comments are indeed required, please accept the following:

Claims 8-20 are abandoned.

Sincerely,


Steven Craig Patterson